

**Robert Stewart to George Washington, June 10, 1761,
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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART.

CAMP NEAR STAUNTON June 10th. 1761

MY DEAR SIR,

I had the extreme pleasure to receive your most affectionate Letter containing the Joyous accot. of the Election¹ than the pleasing circumstances of which nothing could have afforded more solid satisfaction Two days preceedg. the 18th. the Adjutant applied to me for leave to return to Winchester which I absolutely refus'd, however in about 20 hours an Express brought me a positive Order for his immediate return poor Price (tho under previous Recruiting Orders) was Order'd to Join me forthwith, the Day after his Junction I was by an Express from Colo. Byrd directed to send a carefull Officer to James River and gladly embrac'd that oppy. of sending Price down. You may be sure that Broughton shall not suffer by his Zeal for your Interest —

After a tedious and disagreeable March of 23 Days I arriv'd here where I found Colo. Byrd to whom I gave a full State of our Regimental Affairs whilst in Quarters, our Lt. Colo.² lately Join'd us and to my great surprize he and Hughes are of the Colos. Family. Want of Provisions and Forrage detain'd us here these 12 Days and tho' I can't learn that there is much of the former nor any of the latter procur'd We March tomorrow morning for the Advance Post and after our Invalids are Discharg'd I believe our R & File will not exceed

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700 including Batmen & Camp Colr. Men this you'll say is a small number for the execution of our intended Operations If I may be allow'd to form any Judgement of our Affairs in this Quarter it is that our Fate will solely depend upon that of Lt. Colo. Grants who must ere now be far advanc'd.³

By an Express from Philadelphia we have the agreeable accots. of General Monckton's promotion to the Rank of Major General on the Establishment and Governor in Chief of New York. It's said he is invested with the Supreme Command of N. America and General Amherst to that of the West Indies, a large Embarkation to be made from this Continent all the Ships fit for Transports taking up & 14 Battalions Encamp't on long Island. there is a Report that the French are coming up the Myssissippi with 700 Batteaux, its thought either to Join the Southern Indians or attack Pittsburg. tho' its not probable they can send so formidable an armament yet a much less considerable one will cut out hot work for us whatever happens in the course of our Campaign you may depend upon my doing myself the great pleasure of transmitting you the earliest and best Intelligence I can in the mean Time I beg my most humble Respects to your Lady and Family and that to my last Breath I shall remain with the highest and most perfect Esteem

My Dear Colo Your most Affecte most Obliged & Most Obedient hble Servt. ROBERT STEWART

1 A copy of the poll taken at the election of burgesses in Frederick County, May 18, 1761, prepared by Thomas Wood, one of the poll-takers, shows that Washington received 505 votes, Colonel George Mercer 400, Colonel Adam Stephen 294, Mr. Robert Rutherford 1, Colonel John Hite 1, and Henry Brinker 1.

2 Adam Stephen.

3 Colonel Grant had arrived at Fort Prince George May 27, 1763, with one regiment from England, two companies of light infantry from New York, one regiment of South Carolina provincials, and many Indian allies. On the 7th of June he began his march through the Cherokee country, burning their towns, and driving the savages before him.